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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 30, 2002, designated Paper number 6, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 27 as set forth below:

*Subj* 27. (amended) A graphite body having a longitudinal coefficient of thermal expansion of about  $-0.5 \times 10^{-6}/^{\circ}\text{C}$  to about  $0.10 \times 10^{-6}/^{\circ}\text{C}$  as measured from about 25 to about 200°C and substantially homogenous distribution of carbon fibers dispersed within said graphite body as substantially single mono-filaments of a random orientation, said carbon fibers present in an amount of about 1.5 wt% to about 3.0 wt% based on a weight of said graphite body.

Please add the following new claims 31-41.

*Subj* 31. The carbon body according to claim 22 having a longitudinal coefficient of thermal expansion of about  $-0.5 \times 10^{-6}/^{\circ}\text{C}$  to less than  $0.14 \times 10^{-6}/^{\circ}\text{C}$  as measured from about 25 to about 200°C.